

Chairperson: Supervisor Lynne De Bruin
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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
Tuesday, January 31, 2006 -- 9:00 a.m.
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B
MINUTES**

TAPE NO. 36B, Side B, No. 121 to end
TAPE NO. 37, Sides A & B, No. 001 to end
TAPE NO. 38, Side A, No. 001 to 355

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supervisors Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, McCue, Broderick, Clark and
De Bruin (Chairman)

EXCUSED: None

Scheduled Items:

1. 06-12(a) From Fiscal and Budget Administrator, submitting a corrective action plan to avert a 2006 year-end deficit in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture. (Tape No. 36B-141 to end; 37A-001 to 37B-517; and 38A-342 to 38A-355)

APPEARANCES: Mr. Stephen Agostini, Fiscal and Budget Administrator,
Department of Administration (DAS)
Ms. Leslie Sperber, Budget Analyst, Department of Administrative Services
(DAS)
Mr. Steve Cady, County Board Fiscal and Budget Analyst
Mr. Ed Eberle, County Executive's Office
Supervisor John Weishan, Jr., Sixteenth District
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Thirteenth District
Ms. Patti Yunk, DC 48, AFSCME
Mr. Chris Pegelow, AFSCME, Local 882

Mr. Agostini stated that the corrective action plan is an attempt to ensure that the financial difficulties of 2005 do not carry forward into 2006 to create a similar shortfall. He stated that a fund transfer will reflect the details of the corrective action plan, and that the position of Deputy Director of Parks/Finance and Administration is a justified and critical position that would provide detail reporting to DAS and Ms. Black. He continued that cross-charging and services need to be transparent and DAS

Scheduled Items (Continued):

will be providing quarterly targets and reports to keep the Board involved.

Supervisor Clark questioned the level of parks security, maintenance and trash pickup that will result from the corrective action plan.

Mr. Cady stated that the Finance and Audit Committee, on 1/26/05, considered the 2005 deficit report and referred it to County Board and the Audit Department and the 2006 corrective action plan was laid over for one cycle.

Supervisors Borkowski and McCue questioned the County Executive's plan regarding managers and whether the fiscal managers will be taken out of the departments and put into DAS.

Chairman De Bruin stated that she is concerned that the Fiscal and Budget Administrator is frustrated over departments not following general accounting procedures, but it is also frustrating that these comments are being made to the legislative branch. Chairman De Bruin directed that next month, both departments (DAS and Parks) review the final numbers and report on the fiscal and operational impacts; that County Board staff review the Deputy Director of Parks/Finance and Administration position and recommend it should be housed in and hired by DAS or the Parks Department; and what is the role of DAS when a department gets into a fiscal crisis and what is the role of the department's financial staff. (Tape No. 37A-640)

Mr. Agostini stated that he will continue to do the actions on page 3 of the corrective action plan, items B through F, but if the plan is not approved, a fund transfer will not occur.

Superintendent Black stated that facilities management work orders are only being done for those emergency items or projects that will ensure the parks system is ready to go in the spring.

Supervisor Weishan questioned what the County Board's role is and what the Board is being asked to approve.

Supervisor Weishan stated that he feels the Board is being asked to insert itself into something that is beyond its responsibility; it is the responsibility of the County Executive, Parks Department and fiscal managers.

Chairman De Bruin temporarily laid the matter over (Tape No. 37B-516). The Committee considered item number two; after which a motion was made by Supervisor Broderick as stated below (Tape No. 38B-342).

Scheduled Items (Continued):

MOTION BY: (BRODERICK) Concur with the actions of the Finance and Audit Committee to lay over until for one month. **(Vote 6-1)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, McCue, Broderick and Clark

NOES: De Bruin (Chairman)

EXCUSED: None

2. 06R02 Report from the Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, relative to the programmatic and operational impacts resulting from budgetary restraints on 2006 operations of the Parks System. **(Copies of reports dated 1/27/06 and 1/31/06 attached to original copy of these minutes.)** (Tape No. 37B-520 to 38A-341)

APPEARANCES: Mr. Greg High, Director, Architecture, Engineering and Environmental Services (AE&ES) Section, Department of Public Works

Chairman De Bruin stated that the most recent memorandum from the Parks Department dated January 31, 2006 is before the Committee.

MOTION BY: (McCUE) Lay over and refer to County Board staff, Department of Audit and the Parks Department for review and report back next month.

Chairman De Bruin stated that the report should include the actual deficit numbers, what the impact will be of any deficit on parks operations and programming and information regarding the proposed \$19 million for Parks building maintenance.

(Tape No. 38A-338) **Vote on motion by Supervisor McCue: (Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, McCue, Broderick, Clark and De Bruin (Chairman)

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Agostini, Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS
Ms. Leslie Sperber, Budget Analyst, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
Mr. Steve Cady, County Board Fiscal and Budget Analyst
Mr. Ed Eberle, County Executive's Office
Mr. Greg High, Director, Architecture, Engineering and Environmental Services (AE&ES)
Section, Department of Public Works
Ms. Sue Black, Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture
Ms. Julie Esch, Research Analyst, Committee on Parks, Recreation and Culture

Scheduled Items (Continued):

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Adjourned: 1:45 p.m.

Maribeth Welchman
Committee Clerk

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